

THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION 8.5.2

[Formerly PDR 2013, para 15; PDR 1989, chap 1, para 15(a)]

ADVISING A FRIEND WHO IS A CLIENT OF ANOTHER LEGAL PRACTITIONER

If a friend of a legal practitioner (*A*) discusses a matter with *A* and *A* is not acting for any party in the matter and is informed that his/her friend is represented by another legal practitioner (*B*), it would be a gross discourtesy for *A* to comment on the advice tendered by *B*. However, it would not be improper for *A* to suggest to his/her friend that he/she might wish to discuss certain aspects of the matter with *B* in order that *B* can advise him/her on those aspects of the matter. Nevertheless, it would not be proper for *A* to discuss the matter further than that with his/her friend, as otherwise the relationship of mutual confidence and trust which exists between his/her friend and *B* would necessarily be disturbed.

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